

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Sanjay Anand, NK Srinivas, Jameel Hyder, and Kyle E. Brandon, declare: that we are citizens of India, India, United States, and the United States, respectively; that our residence and post office address are 20902 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Redmond, Washington 98053, 25041 SE 42<sup>nd</sup>, Issaquah, Washington 98029, 23292 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Place, Sammamish, Washington 98074, and 754 Williamson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled "METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OFFLOADING PROCESSING TASKS FROM SOFTWARE TO HARDWARE," for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by the amendments referred to herein; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We hereby claim the benefit under Section 120 of Title 35 of the United States Code of the earlier filed pending application, Serial No. 09/657,510 filed September 7, 2000; and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the earlier filed pending application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Section 112 of Title 35 of the United States Code, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations,

which occurred between the filing date of the earlier filed application and the filing date of this application.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents all attorneys and/or patent agents listed under the following Customer Number 022913:

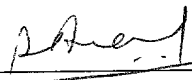


and DANIEL D. CROUSE, Registration No. 32,022; and KATIE SAKO, Registration No. 32,628, of MICROSOFT CORPORATION, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence and telephonic communications should be directed to:

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Dated this 27 day of November 2000.

Inventor:   
Sanjay Anand

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Dated this 21 day of NOV 2000.

Inventor: NK Srinivas  
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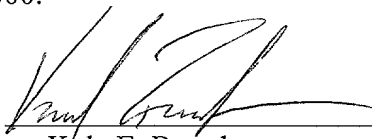
Inventor: \_\_\_\_\_

Jameel  
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Dated this 15 day of NOVEMBER 2000.

Inventor:

  
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